

CITY OF NEWARK
Newark, Delaware

TRAFFIC COMMITTEE MEETING

August 19, 2008

3:30 p.m.

Members Present: Captain Elwood Williams (Acting Chair for Chief Tiernan), Carol Houck, Pat Fogg, Maureen Feeney-Roser, Lt. George Stanko, Rick Vitelli, Tom Parkins, Dave Gula

Absent: Chief Tiernan, Richard Lapointe, Tom Sciulli

1. REQUEST FOR A THREE-WAY STOP SIGN AT ANNA'S WAY AND HAWTHORNE AVENUE.

Chief Tiernan received a request from Roy Lopata through Councilman Clifton.

Rich Lapointe indicated his response prior to the meeting via email. He stated that there is a line of sight issue with cars parked along the roadway and with road curvature this location poses a safety concern. Captain Williams agreed that there is a line of sight issue at this location. Tom Parkins said he travels this road every day and does not see this as a dangerous intersection. Lt. Stanko said this intersection is not a problem area.

MOTION BY CAROL HOUCK, SECONDED BY MAUREEN FEENEY-ROSER, TO APPROVE THE THREE-WAY STOP SIGN AT ANNA'S WAY AND HAWTHORNE AVENUE.

MOTION FAILED. VOTE: 3 to 5

AYE: Carol Houck, Pat Fogg, Maureen Feeney-Roser

NAY: Capt. Williams, Lt. George Stanko, Rick Vitelli, Dave Gula, Tom Parkins

2. REQUEST FOR RESIDENT PARKING PERMITS FOR GEORGE READ VILLAGE.

Capt. Williams indicated the required petitions have not been received and therefore the item has been tabled until further notice.

3. CONSIDER ADDITIONAL PARKING METERS ON THE WEST SIDE OF CHAPEL STREET BETWEEN MAIN AND NEW STREETS.

Maureen indicated this request was received from the Mayor through the owner of Santa Fe Restaurant located at 190 E. Main Street. Maureen indicated that she reviewed the location and said 151' north of East Main Street for 40' on the west side of Chapel Street heading toward New Street would accommodate five parking meters.

Carol Houck stated that a couple of years ago there were parking spaces along Chapel Street closer toward Main Street that were removed.

Capt. Williams stated that if additional meters were to be installed he did not feel that it would help with additional parking for the restaurant. He felt in the long-term this should be designated as residential parking only.

Rich Lapointe indicated his response prior to the meeting via email. He stated this area is primarily student rentals and the parking is needed for the residents.

MOTION BY DAVE GULA, SECONDED BY RICK VITELLI, TO DENY PARKING ON THE WEST SIDE OF CHAPEL STREET BETWEEN MAIN AND NEW STREETS.

MOTION PASSED. VOTE: 7 to 1

AYE: Capt. Williams, Carol Houck, Pat Fogg, Lt. Stanko, Rick Vitelli, Dave Gula, Tom Parkins

NAY: Maureen Feeney-Roser

NEW BUSINESS:

Maureen Feeney-Roser stated meters are located on Amstel Avenue and confirmed the ordinance states they can go from Elkton Road to S. College Avenue. She requested adding two meters at the University of Delaware security building where the curb cut was removed. Capt. Williams said that if it is in the legislature the Traffic Committee would not need to review the request.

There being no further business, Captain Williams called for a motion to adjourn.

MOTION BY RICK VITELLI, SECONDED BY PAT FOGG, TO ADJOURN.

MOTION PASSED. VOTE: 8 TO 0.

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Elwood Williams, Acting Chairman